

**Amendment to the Claims:**

**Listing of the Claims**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1- 6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Previously presented) The method of claim 16 further comprising re-mixing the surface modification agent(s) and the aerosol doped, surface-modified, pyrogenically produced oxides for 15 to 30 minutes and tempering at a temperature of 100 to 400 °C for a period of 1 to 6 hours.

Claims 8 (Currently amended) The surface-modified, pyrogenically produced oxides according to claim 15 wherein the compound cyclic polysiloxane is octyltrimethoxysilane.

Claims 9-12 (Cancelled)

Claim 13 (Previously presented) The surface-modified, pyrogenically produced oxides according to claim 15 wherein the dopant is aluminum oxide and the pyrogenically produced oxide is silica.

Claim 14 (Previously presented) The method according to claim 16 wherein the dopant is aluminum oxide and the pyrogenically produced oxide is silica.

Claim 15 (Previously presented): A rapid dissolving reinforcing filler composition for organic systems comprising an effective amount of surface-modified, aerosol doped-pyrogenically

produced oxides wherein the dopants are selected from cerium, aluminum, potassium or salts or oxides thereof, wherein the pyrogenically produced oxides are selected from the group consisting of  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{ZrO}_2$ ,  $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{ZnO}$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Nb}_2\text{O}_5$ ,  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$ ,  $\text{WO}_3$ ,  $\text{SnO}_2$  and  $\text{GeO}_2$ , and wherein the surface modification is a hydrophobic surface obtained by spraying the pyrogenic oxides, where the BET surface is between 40 and 217  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$  and the dopant is homogeneously distributed within the pyrogenically produced oxide, with one or several compounds selected from the group consisting of octyltrimethoxysilane (Si 108), hexamethyldisilazane (HMDS), polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS) and  $\gamma$ -aminopropyltriethoxysilane (AMEO).

Claim 16 (Previously presented): A method of producing aerosol doped, surface-modified pyrogenically produced oxides, comprising placing aerosol doped-pyrogenically produced oxides, where the BET surface is between 40 and 217  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$  and the dopant is homogeneously distributed within the pyrogenically produced oxide, in a suitable mixing container, spraying the oxides with water and/or acid and then spraying the oxides under intensive mixing with the surface-modification reagent or a mixture of several surface-modification reagents under conditions where oxygen is excluded, to form the aerosol doped, surface-modified, pyrogenically produced oxides, wherein the dopants are selected from cerium, aluminum, potassium, or salts or oxides thereof, wherein the oxides are selected from the group consisting of  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{B}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{ZrO}_2$ ,  $\text{In}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{ZnO}$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{Nb}_2\text{O}_5$ ,  $\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$ ,  $\text{WO}_3$ ,  $\text{SnO}_2$  and  $\text{GeO}_2$ , wherein the surface-modification reagent or a mixture of several surface-modification reagents are selected from the group consisting of octyltrimethoxysilane (Si 108), hexamethyldisilazane (HMDS), polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS) and  $\gamma$ -aminopropyltriethoxysilane (AMEO).